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**Medicaid/CHIP not Affected by Federal Shutdown,
Other Programs OK for Now**

Lincoln – Kerry Winterer, CEO of the Department of Health and Human Services, said today that Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) will not be affected by the federal shutdown and that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly called Food Stamps) has funding through at least October.

“We’ve received calls from people concerned about these programs,” Winterer said.

Other programs, such as Aid to Dependent Children, the Child Care Subsidy program and the Women, Infant and Children program (WIC) currently have funding but may be impacted if the shutdown continues and federal funding is not extended. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) typically receives federal funding for the heating season in November, so could also be impacted if the shutdown continues.

“We continue to monitor the situation. The question we’re facing is how long this will last because that determines potential impacts,” said Winterer.